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GEOGRAPHICAL

Middle Fork Township is located in the southern tier of townships of Ringgold county, Iowa. Its location relative to the county is very similar to that of the county to the state, being on the southern border and near the southwestern corner.

NAME ORIGIN

As the name implies, the township was so designated because of the middle fork of the Grand River traversing the area from its north central boundary to near the southwestern corner, where it enters the state of Missouri. The river rises in two branches, leading out of the southern and western sections of the city of Mount Ayr, seat of government of the county.

PRIMITIVE SETTLERS

The earliest known residents of Middle Fork Township were the Sac and Fox Indians. The western boundary between this band and several other tribes follows approximately the route of the C. B. & Q. Railroad, which cuts through the northwest corner of the township. The text of the treaty entered into on July 15, 1830, whereby the "Yellow and Red Earth" people relinquished their property rights in this region to the United States, reads in part: "passing to said high lands along the dividing ridge between the forks of the Grand River." Curator Ora Williams of the Iowa State Department of History and Archives finds little concerning Indian experiences in this part of the state. He has however prepared a brief statement, as follows: Every part of Iowa was familiar to the Indians who hunted and trapped along the streams and over the wide prairies. Southwestern Iowa was well known to many of the tribes.

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The Osages used parts of Iowa and parts of Missouri, before Iowa became a territory. The Pottawattamies held a large area in southwest Iowa. The Sacs and Foxes, and the Iowas, with related tribes, occupied much of the region.

When the United States authorities moved the last of the Indians to the new reservations in Kansas and beyond, the main body of the Sacs and Foxes, who had lived in central Iowa, tramped along the "Dagoon Trace" in charge of the last of the dragoons, or mounted soldiery, and this route followed the old buffalo and deer trails and the Indian paths through Ringgold county and across what was once the northwest corner of Missouri.

The best authenticated record of Indians in this part of the state relates to Chief Johnny Green, a Pottawattamie, who roamed all over Iowa and was finally buried in Marshall county where a monument records his career. He lived at various places in what is now Union county, Madison county, Hardin county and so on. He was a good Indian. He befriended the peoneers as against the warlike Indians of the north. He had led back into Iowa a large band of his people, when they became homesick and refused longer to stay on the new reservations. They came back along the old Dagoon Trace through Ringgold county.

It is on record that the only Indian who ever secured title to land in Iowa was Johnny Green, and he bought from the government a tract in the north part of Ringgold county, which later he lost by failure to pay taxes.

There is a tradition, not very well authenticated, but probably based on fact, that a small band of Pottawattamies at one time, after they had lost their right to remain in Iowa,

became troublesome in Ringgold county. It was reported that a man who was mysteriously missing had been killed by the Indians. A committee of frontiersmen called at the Indian camp and demanded surrender of the supposed murderer. The Indians denied any crime had been committed. But they agreed to leave Iowa and did so. They left behind them some of their guns and traps and these were sold to defray the expenses of some persons in forming the posse.

But later, the missing man returned, having gone east on a visit without notice to anybody. This was nearest to an Indian war ever reached in Ringgold county.

The northwest corner of Missouri had been fixed, by the State of Missouri, at a point a little to the southwest of the county seat; but after the boundary settlement the part of the county claimed by Missouri was a part of Iowa. The new survey moved the state line about nine miles. The Dragon Trace crossed this small part of what was Missouri. An extension of Missouri to the river west was made by treaty with the Osages.

Mr. Williams also kindly supplied data from Andreas' Atlas of Iowa--1878; Abandoned Towns and Post Offices by D. C. Mott; Early History of Ringgold County, Iowa, by Mrs. B. M. Lisan 1927 and Alog. and Hist. Record of Ringgold County, Iowa--1887, which will appear at appropriate places hereafter.

SLAVERY

An old history carries a story about one L. P. Allen from North Carolina, who lived for a time in Middle Fork Township

and had two slaves. It is stated that Fletchall vouched for the story that he saw the slaves sold in St. Joseph. This would have been Littleton P. Allen, who on Aug. 29, 1855, pre-empted Lots 7 and 8--135.63 acres, in Sec. 30, in southwest corner of township and bordering right on the Missouri line.

ORGANIZATION

On May 14, 1855, Ringgold county was formally organized. Since 1852 it had been a civil township of Taylor county. Such a sub-division does not exactly conform to a Congressional township and is somewhat after the manner of the townships of the eastern states. The county officers were first known as "Judges of the County Court." About 1862 the term "Board of Supervisors" is found as being used.

The first official meeting of county officers was held July 2, 1855, and the county divided into quarters by the township line between Townships 68 and 69. Each quarter comprised four townships, forming an election precinct. The southwest precinct, of which Township 67-30 was a part, was numbered three and named West Fork. (There also appears to have been an East Fork.) The home of John McGaughey was designated as the polling place for West Fork.

Records in the Auditor's office show that:

"In the year of March 1, 1858, a petition signed by Wendell Poor and twenty-three others was presented by John Carman for a division of West Fork Township by range line between Ranges 30 and 31, and what belongs to Mount Ayr Township. This was read in open court and no objections were made, thereby it was ordered divided and hereby constituted an election pre-

cinct and named Middle-Fork Township number 7, and ordered the first election be held on first Monday in April, 1858, at the house of David Rnyart.

(Signed) James C. Hagans, County Judge."

The first judges at the election were J. C. Stuart, Geo. Shoher and Allen Higgins. The clerks were Jno. A. Miller and Henry Arnett, and they each received \$1.00 for their services, but Geo. Shoher, who made the returns, received \$2.00. On July 6 the same year there was another allowance and those serving on the election board were H. Arnett, Wm. Arnett, and T. D. Marshall, judges; and Jno. Miller and John Brown, clerks.

The County Canvassers were James C. Hagans, County Judge, I. W. Keller and B. B. Dunning.

On September 9, 1858, were two petitions presented by W. M. Coffin, asking the court to curtail from Middle Fork precinct the Northwest fourth of Township 68, north of Range 30 west, and attach it to Mt. Ayr precinct to better accommodate the citizens of that territory for all political purposes. The Court ordered it done and the place of election to be at the house of Henry Arnett in said township.

On November 11, 1858, of Middle Fork Township No. 7, J. C. Stuart, E. Maudlin, and A. McCullough were judges of the election and T. Kirker and Nathan Miller were clerks. They were paid \$1.00 each, except John A. Miller, who received \$2.00 for making the returns.

On December 17, 1859, was the day set to appoint two men for Constables. As there was a tie between J. J. Griffith, John McGaughy and Wm. Dennis, the Treasurer, Sheriff and

the Judge arranged ballots and lots were drawn. The offices were filled by Wm. Dennis and John McGaughey.

On February 4, 1860, Samuel Allison was appointed surveyor of Ringgold County.

T. F. Haw filed his account of \$18.00 on March 28, 1860, for nine days' assessing of Middle Fork Township.

On April 2, 1860, the distribution of school funds for the different townships, were for Middle Fork Township--

Permanent fund,	\$33.04
Temporary "	136.84 $\frac{1}{2}$
Total,	<u>169.88$\frac{1}{2}$</u>

February 20, 1860. "On this day J. J. Griffith by recommendation of the Township Trustees of Middle Fork Township was appointed constable of said township and has qualified by giving bond and taking oath of office."

(Signed) J. W. Keller, Judge.

February 2 preceding, was this interest notation relating to an adjoining township. "F. C. Abarr, \$1.50 for taking and destroying a wild cat."

July 17 of that year John A. Miller filed an account for \$2.00 for services as Township Clerk.

On the 23rd. instant the Board of Equalization levied for Middle Fork Township 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ mills for schoolhouse purposes and for Teachers Fund 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ mills on the dollar of the assessed value of both real and personal property.

On April 6, 1861, the County apportioned state school funds to Middle Fork Township on the basis of sixty-three pupils and \$142.64.

On April 16 thereafter, the county apportioned to the road fund to Middle Fork Township \$183.33-1/3 for the years 1859-60.

On June 5, following, a motion to allow Allen Higgins \$5.00 for prosecuting in "State of Iowa vs Robert McCoy" was lost. Later a motion to allow J. J. Griffith \$8.00 for this same McCoy case passed.

On June 6, 1861, the Board met and motioned a levy be made of five mills on the dollar on taxable property of Middle Fork Township for schoolhouse purposes.

The Jury List selected by trustees of each township on January 31, 1861, were written on ballots and folded in presence of the County Judge, Clerk and Sheriff and the following names were drawn to serve:

J. Stephens	Iradel Cooper	H. Arnett
David Lamb	John Dwyre	E. Maudlin
Chas. Sheldon	J. J. Griffith	C. H. Schooler
Abraham Johnson	John W. Oshell	V. G. Ruby
Martin Stephens	J. W. Low	Henry Sisco

The list of Petit Jurors drawn on the 31st day of July, 1862 to serve at the September term of District Court of Ringgold County were:

D. M. Lesan	Russell Pealer	L. S. Terwilliger
D. Schlappia	John Foltz	C. B. Sheldon
Garrett Pottobff	Jesse Thompson	J. W. Low
G. W. Lesan	A. J. McClain	John Shields
Wm. Parsons	Thomas B. Farmer	C. K. Grimes

The above were drawn by

Ith S. Beall-Clerk, District Court
I. W. Keller-County Judge
John McGaughey-Sheriff

On August 9, 1862, the Board met in special session and appropriated the sum of \$25.00 out of the County Treasury to be equally divided among all noncommissioned officers and privates which will be received in the services of the United States. The Clerk was required to issue warrants for 60% of whole amount at the date of mustering into service, and the remainder at the expiration of four months from that date.

(Signed) Thomas Ross, Chairman.

On June 1, 1863, the Board was composed of Wright, Gard, Baird, Schooler, Beall, Nulph, Tedrow, and Cooper. The assessor's books were taken up and report on the census was made. Middle Fork Township had 126 males and 114 females, making a total of 240 for the Township. The total for Ringgold County was 3056 inhabitants.

PUBLIC LAND ENTRIES

Middle Fork Township, the legal description of which is Township 67 North, Range 30 West, 5th Principal Meridian, was surveyed under three contracts. In August, 1848, James M. Marsh completed a small portion of the work. In August, 1852, William Dunn completed a similar project. Between December, 1852, and May, 1853, Mr. Dunn completed the survey. On July 5, thereafter, it was officially approved, and filed in the office of the Surveyor General at Dubuque. The total acreage shown was 17, 960.23 acres,

as against 23,040 acres in the standard township. Since the area lies along the Iowa-Missouri state border it is fractional, and instead of 36 sections, boasts a scant 30, the lower tier averaging only about 210 rods rather than requisite 320. The public lands were proclaimed for entry on May 18, 1854, and offered August 15, 1858. Withdrawn from market on May 21, 1856, they were restored February 15, 1858. The local W. S. Land Office was at Cheriton.

PUBLIC LAND TERMS

Homestead--The Congressional Act of May 20, 1862, signed by President Lincoln, provides for homestead entry of 160 acres of public land. After five years and not more than seven years' residence final proof was made and title passed to the homesteader. Free homesteads were brought about through the efforts of Congressman Galusha Aaron Grow of Pennsylvania, who later signed the Act as speaker of the House of Representatives. The first homestead filing was made Jan. 1, 1863, on land near Beatrice, Nebraska. This was on the day Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation.

Pre-emption--Under the terms of the earlier Pre-emption Act one was required to enter upon the land and establish settlement before a declaratory statement could be filed. Six months of actual residence on the land thereafter was required before proof and payment of \$1.25 per acre.

Military Bounty and Land Warrants--These warrants appear to have been in the nature of a bonus to those who preformed U. S. military service prior to March 3, 1855.

The veteran frequently assigned his right to another for a consideration. The warrants were also known as scrip. The notation "indemnity granted," which may occur opposite the entry of military bounty land warrants and other locations or sales, indicates that the land was selected on behalf of the State under the Swamp-land Act of September 28, 1850, but having been disposed of prior to the Indemnity Act of March 2, 1855, as extended by the Act of March 3, 1857, other land was granted the State in lieu thereof.

EARLY LAND ENTRIES

The General Land Office, Department of the Interior, has furnished ten pages of photostat copies of original entries of the lands of this township. These entries, while probably not of interest to the general reader, are very valuable and copies will be placed on file in the Mount Ayr Public Library and the State Historical Library.

ROADS AND RAILROADS

In pioneer days, before fencing became general, there were wagon roads following the ridges or crests of hills. When obliged to follow section lines as the country became settled building roads became an important function of township government. Henry Riling was long an operator of the horse-drawn grader in his community. David Glendenning with a crew of men and boarding outfit did much road building. Many scrapers of both drag and wheeled types were then in use.

The first country road constructed was two miles on the old Air Line between Delphos and Redding, and bordered on the north and west lines of Section 6 in the northwest corner of the township. This was the main highway in the southwestern part of the county 30 years ago. - New U. S. Highway 169 runs directly east of Old Redding for five miles, the last four in Middle Fork, thence at the southeast corner of Section 10, it turns north for two miles, where it enters Rice Township and on into Mount Ayr.

We are indebted to the Burlington Lines for the history of the C. B. & Q. Railroad, in Ringgold County, and intersecting Sections 6 and 7 of Middle Fork Township. They state under date of August 22, 1939:

Replying to your letter of August 8 in regard to the early history of the Leon, Mount Ayr and Southwestern Railroad which you are incorporating in your history of the community in the vicinity of Delphos and Redding:

Some of the data you request are not available, particularly that in regard to the agents, but I am giving you most of the information you ask for.

Surveys were made in 1876 for a railroad commencing at a point on the Burlington and Missouri Railroad at or near Leon in Decatur County, Iowa, and ending at Mount Ayr or points beyond as may be determined; before the road was constructed it had been decided to build to Grant City, Missouri.

The Leon, Mount Ayr and Southwestern Railroad Company

was incorporated under the general laws of Iowa by articles executed September 28, 1878 and filed with the Secretary of State for Iowa October 31, 1878. It was organized at Burlington, Iowa, March 1, 1879.

Two contractors built this line, the section Leon to Mount Ayr constructed by W. S. Woods, a Pennsylvania contractor, and from Mount Ayr, Iowa to Grant City, Missouri, built by Lyman Cook, a Burlington, Iowa, contractor. Construction commenced at Leon May 1879 and road was completed and open for business to Mount Ayr September 26, 1879, and to Grant City September 20, 1880.

This company did not operate any portion of the railroad constructed under its charter. The line was operated from the date of its completion until December 31, 1901, by the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company as lessee and since that date as owner by deed.

On Monday, November 27, 1939, CB&Q bus service was inaugurated on U. S. Highway 169, and the Railroad's passenger service discontinued on the branch, except that those who wish may patronize the freights. An official bus station stop was designated at the Bunker Hill oil station, and known as Delphos Junction.

With most of us, to think of the railroad stations of Delphos and Redding is to visualize that faithful agent of our boyhood, Frank Hillhouse, now retired and with his wife, the former Rosa Marts, now have their home in Delphos, and have two daughters.

RURAL FREE DELIVERY

The P. O. Dept. Library records indicate that rural free delivery service was established at Redding on July 1, 1902, with one route and that Daniel M. Harris was the first carrier. Much of the western part of the township was served by this route. Joseph Waugh was the moving spirit in promoting this service. This is well within the memory of those in middle life who were beneficiaries of the vision of this neighbor and native son.

SCHOOLS

The earliest available official country record we have of public schools in the township is the notation, dated April 2, 1860, distributing school funds in the amount of \$169.85 $\frac{1}{2}$, and a levy made July 23rd thereafter on all taxable property. On June 6, 1861, a levy was made for schoolhouse purposes.

George W. Arnett, now of Arkansas City, Kansas, starting out a life as a teacher in 1872 in the home township is authority for the statement there were nine school houses in the township at that time. Now there are five, as follows:

- 1--Sand Point, on N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11.
- 2--Rose Hill, on N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9.
- 3--Clipper, on East $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 19.
- 4--Chestnut Ridge, on East $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 21.
- 5--Hickory Grove, on N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ OF Section 24

The Redding Consolidated school district serves much of the northwestern area of the township, with many other

students taking their high school work there and at Delphos and Mount Ayr.

Among the older schools we list the following: Rose Hill school house was well known because here there were religious services held in very early days. This school was located about a quarter of a mile east of the Jacob A. Saville home on U. S. Highway 169, and at the northeast corner of Section 16. It was built the summer of 1872. George Arnett taught the first term of school there, beginning the first week in September, 1872. Mr. Arnett taught there several terms and states he still has the chair he used in that first term of school. He recalls that among his pupils during that period, and one who later became a teacher and taught in the home school was Belle Glendenning.

The successor to this pioneer school is also known as Rose Hill and located three-fourths of a mile to the north of "Old Rose Hill."

The Bunker Hill school was built on the southeast corner of Section 7, across the highway from the oil station on the Jethro J. Griffith farmstead. This was discontinued, probably in the spring of 1898, for that fall its pupils attended the school a mile to the north.

Empire was on the southeast corner of Section 6, and across the roadway from the Palestine U. B. Church. The last teacher there was Hannah Lee in 1899-1900. Following the union with Bunker Hill a new school house was built

$\frac{1}{4}$ mile to the south on Sec. 8 and the first term was taught in 1900-1901 by J. Oscar Marts now of Seattle. The following year the teacher was Miss Gertrude Abarr, who became Mrs. Lester Gallagher of Mt. Agr.

Hickory Grove school for many years was located on the East $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 23 about a $\frac{1}{4}$ mile south of the new school house.

In 1895-6 teachers were Eddie Hoffman and Sylvia Scott.

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Official records are made available through courtesy of Superintendent Vera F. Dickens and extending from 1896 on, are shown:

YEAR	NO.	TEACHER	NO.	TEACHER
1896		Frank Glenn		
1896-1897	5	Gilbert Gander	5	Lester Hoffman
	4	John Glenn	6	Gilbert Gander
1897-1898	1	H. S. Tyrrel	4	A. L. Hoffman
	5	Nettie Mekemson	6	Lester Hacker
1898-1899	2	Lois Shaffer	3	Minnie Inches
	3	Emma Lynch	4	A.L. Hoffman
	5	Nettie Mekemson	6	Florence Shaffer
1899-1900	1	Geo. B. Kindblade	5	Rubyx Waughx
	6	J. W. Barrett	5	Virda Glendenning
1901-1902	4	Mrs. A. L. Hoffman	5	Ruby Waugh
	6	Edna La V. Austin	1	Edna La V. Austin
	1	Annie E. Pratt		
1902-1903	6	Edna La V. Austin	6	Clarnee L. Grey
	4	Allie Guthrie	3	Gertrude Abarr
	2	Dee Case	6	Edna La V. Austin
1903-04	5	Ora F. Dugger	3	Lora Denhart
	2	Anna Rush	6	Maude Murray
	5	Bessie Seimiller	6	Edythe McMullen

YEAR	NO.	TEACHER	NO.	TEACHER
	2 ¹	Pearl C. Brown	2	Anna Rush
	1	Maude Henderson		
1905	3	Maggie Hannon	20	Clara Butler
	1	Kittie Hannon	4	Mrs. Lulu Shaffer
	3	Mrs. Maggie Griffith	2	Clara Butler
1905-1906	6	Maude Murray	5	William Dennis
	4	Bertha Abarr	3	Warren S. Wright
	2	Clara B. Butler	1	Elsie Kelley
	1	Nettie Omer		
1906	4	Myrtle Jefferson	6	William Dennis
	5	Daisy Anderson	3	Clara Butler
	2	Flossie	1	Elsie Kelley
	6	W. J. Dennis	5	Otis Smith
1906-1907	3	Otis Smith	6	Jennie McAninch
	5	Lillie Harroun	2	Pearl R. Stephens
	1	Elsie Kelley		
1907	2	Anna Kaster	1	Pearl Brown
1907-1908	6	Roy Stephens	4	Jessie Crouch
	3	Warren S. Wright	11	Hannah Lee
1908	5	Pearl R. Stephens		
1908-1909	5	Gertrude Crouch	4	Jessie Crouch
	3	Ethelyn M. Bartlett	2	Edna Mekemson
	1	Elsie Kelley		
1909-1910	1	Pearl Brown	6	Mabel Hankins
	6	Ednah L. Miligan	5	Pearl R. Stephens
	3	Jessie F. Crouch	2	Pearl R. Stephens
	2	Burton Brown	1	Elsie Kelley
1910-1911	4	Susie Denney	5	Margaret Doubet
	6	Goldia Spencer	5	Helen B. Harris
	3	Angie Warden	2	Elsie Kelley
	1	Rebecca Hankins	1	Rose Donahue
1911-1912	6	Ruth Carr	3	Nellie Galloway
	2	Clara Stuck	1	Elsie Kelley
1912-1913	5	Inex L. Norris 3	3	Bessie Bryan
	2	Exxxxxxx	2	Elsie Kelley
	1	Lettie Nelson		

YEAR	NO.	TEACHER	NO.	TEACHER
1913-1914	1	Mary F. Clayton	6	Leona B. Comer
	5	Lela Abarr	2	Inez Parker
	5	Ines L. Norris	3	Bessie Bryan
	2	Sylvia Glendenning		
1914-1915	6	Iva S. Brown	2	Inez L. Norris
	3	Ethel Blunck	4	Fern Seaton
	5	Myrtle J. Denney	6	Vey U. Seaton
1915-1916	5	Myrtle J. Denney	5	LeMay Allen
	3	Lottie R. Willey	4	Mona Shroyer
	2	Inez L. Norris	1	Elsie Kelley
1916-1917	1	Elsie Kelley	2	Myrtle J. Denney
	2	Inez L. Norris	2	Ona Faye Rush
	4	Fern Seaton	5	Sarah M. Parker
	6	Inez Parker		
1917-1918	1	Mable Campbell	2	Clara B. Denney
	4	Bernice Main	5	Eula C. Stephens
	6	Julia D. White		
1918-1919	1	Mable Campbell	2	Clara B. Denney
	4	Dade Crouch	5	Opal Jennings
	6	Audrey Hoxworth		
1919-1920	1	Ethel Boyles	1	Florence Garten
	2	Elsie Kelley	4	Clara B. Denney
	5	Mrs. Maude Adams	5	Mrs. Pearl Hiatt
	5	Clara B. Denney	6	Bernice Saville
	5	Letha Spencer		
1920-1921	1	Elsie Kelley	2	Henrietta Carr
	2	Lottie Black	4	Bernice Hannely
	4	Audrey Hoxworth	5	Marian Fisher
	6	Ralph Lamb	6	Hazel Mathews
1921-1922	1	Elsie Kelley	2	Florence Fisher
	4	Alta Miller	5	Marian Fisher
	6	Fern Armstrong		
1922-1923	1	Alta Miller	2	Florence Fisher
	4	Marian Fisher	5	Fern Waugh
	6	Sylvia Waugh		
1923-1924	1	Mildred Williams	1	Ethel Blauer
	1	Mrs. Gladys Jagger	2	Audrey Sefrit
	4	Eunice Shafer	5	Alta Miller
	6	Leone Watson		

YEAR	NO.	TEACHER	NO.	TEACHER
1925-1926	6	Eunice Wells	1	Ethel Blauer
	2	Alice E. Fisher	5	Alta Miller
1926-1927	Lena	L. Duffield	2	Eunice McQuigg
	4	Eleanor Mekensom	5	Sylvia Waugh
	6	Ruth Uglow		
1927-1928	1	Maxine Lantz	2	Isabel Perkins
	5	Sylvia Waugh	6	Beth Beymer
1928-1929	1	Ernest Black	2	Dola Saltzman
	5	Sylvia Waugh	6	Beth Beymer
1929-1930	1	Georgia Denhart	2	Ernest Black
	1	Rth Ferber	4	Neva Haviland
	5	Bertha Saville	6	Mrs. Bertha Olney
1930-1931	1	Luther Beymer	2	Robert Stone
	4	Neva Haviland	5	Lavaun Fry
	6	Raymond Harris		
1931-1932	1	Louise Bassett	2	Rose Varner
	4	Dona Miller Austin	5	Lavaun Fry
	6	Vivian Pratt		
1932-1933	1	Louise Bassett	2	Rose Varner
	4	Hazel Waugh	5	Arzella Spencer
	6	Vivian Pratt		
1933-1934	1	LaVeta Murphy	2	Rose Varner
	5	Arzelle Spencer		Edna Rauch
1934-1935	1-	Rose Varner	2	Ethel Thomspson
	5	Hazel Waugh	6	Lucille Maudlin
1935-1936	1	Mildred Diebert	2	Rose Varner
	5	Hazel Waugh	Edn	Edna Lamb
1936-1937	1	Mildred Deibest	2	Rose Varner
	5	Evelyn James	6	Lucille Maudlin
1937-1938	1	Frances Sheumaker	2	Mary M. Ward
	4	Mabel Heaton	5	Ethel Saville
1938-1939	1	Mrs. Lila Foltz	2	Mary M. Ward
	3	Bernadene Saville	4	Doris Kingsley
	5	Ethel Saville		
1939-1940	1	Opal Jackson	2	Roberta Ostrander
	3	Maxine Smith Bagley	4	Doris Kingsley
	5	Hazel Burgher		

POST OFFICES AND POST ROADS

Thru courtesy of a former fellow--Senatorial secretary, J. Austin Latimer, now Executive Assistant to the Postmaster General, we have very complete official data from the P. O. Dept. Library on the postal service in this section, as in hereinafter indicated:

There are attached lists of all postmasters of record who have served at the following post offices, with dates of appointments;

The records indicate that the post office at Clipper, Ringgold County, Iowa was established on June 25, 1874, and that Benjamin F. Higgins was appointed the first postmaster there. It is indicated that Mr. Higgins continued as postmaster at Clipper until he was succeeded by Hervey Waugh, whose appointment was on January 18, 1875. An order of May 7, 1883, discontinued the office, effective May 15, 1888, and the mail was ordered sent to Redding, Iowa. The earliest available record of compensation at the office shows that it was \$6.80 for the fiscal year 1875.

The records show that the office was established on Route No. 28145, and it is indicated that service on this route was from Grant City, Missouri to Mount Ayr, Iowa,

twenty-nine miles and back, twice a week. The name of the contractor on the route at the time the office was established is not available at the present time; however, it is indicated that on March 8, 1875, a contract for service on the route was made with James Frier and William B. McAlister.

From D. M. Mott's "Abandoned Towns" we find NEWPORT, a hamlet, in the northwestern part of Section 11, as shown on maps from 1875 to 1890. P. O. Dept. records indicate this was not a post office.

Official records of star route service between Redding and Ingart also are not available. Earl Clayburg, now of Greeley, Colorado, submits the following which is substantiated by verbal statements made previously by Lizzie Jane Hagans, then in charge of the Ingart office. He says: "As nearly as I can remember, Grandpa Clayburg quit carrying the mail a short time before Grandmother Clayburg died, and she died December 5, 1893, or perhaps a year earlier. I went to live with them in 1890, and he was carrying mail at that time and I don't know how long before."

The first rural route in Middle Fork township was No. 1 from Mt. Ayr which was in operation in the spring of 1898. The carrier at first was required to blow a whistle on approaching a farm house to advise the box holder if any mail was delivered there.

INGART GROVE, RINGGOLD COUNTY, IOWA

List of Post Masters

<u>POSTMASTER</u>	<u>DATE APPOINTED</u>
Milton S. Trullinger	September 26, 1860
Mrs. Mary M. Miller	November 25, 1863
L. Arnett	March 18, 1864
Milton S. Trullinger	May 13, 1864
Henry Glondenning	March 7, 1865
Milton S. Trullinger	July 27, 1871
William Roberts	January 10, 1876
Delia Steadman	March 28, 1878
Louisa J. Chamberlin	October 3, 1881

The name of this office was changed to
Ingart on June 20, 1883

Louisa J. Chamberlin	June 20, 1883
Lovisa F. Chamberlin (To correct name.)	July 17, 1883
Sallie L. Guthrie	December 31, 1885
Jane E. Hagans	October 24, 1888

This office was discontinued, April 18, 1894.
Mail was ordered sent to Redding.

MILITARY ORGANIZATION

Middle Fork township had the distinction of having a military company, known as the Home Guards, during the Civil War. At the outset of the war in 1861 loyalists in northern Missouri were menaced by Secessionists and many crowded across the line into Iowa. Local companies of guards had been formed early in the southern Iowa counties and these hastened to the aid of their loyal comrades south of the line. Three times during the year these guards went into Missouri to meet southern troops coming northward. At one time the northern men fell back in the face of superior numbers to a point near Allendale and threw up breastworks. Being reinforced to the numbers of 2000 men by companies from other Iowa border counties the northern group forced the southern men to retire and followed as far as St. Joseph, much to the relief of that terrorized city.

In 1862 these home guards were regularly commissioned by the State of Iowa and named the Southern Border Brigade to distinguish them from a similar militia which was formed near the Minnesota line to meet depredations of the Sioux Indians. The organization in Middle Fork township was Company C of the 3rd Battallion of the brigade. Nathan Millor was its captain and Harvey Waugh First Lieutenant. After the Southerners retired beyond St. Joseph the Home Guards returned home and their activities were confined to detailing ten men to patrol the state line each night.

TELEPHONE

Inseparably linked with the railroads is the telograph service; and with the telegraph is identified the telephone, an early arrival in Iowa. A Telephone line was built in 1900, between Delphos and Allendale, Mo., crossing the township, and also directly connected several other towns on the same line. In 1901 the Palestine line was built south and east of Delphos. Clay W. Baker installed the telephones, and his daughter, Ara, now Mrs. Matt Geiger, was the operator. The farm patrons hauled and erected the poles, and Ray Baker nailed on the pegs, strung the wire and tied it onto the insulators. The Stromberg-Carlson telephones cost \$13.00 each, and the net cash cost to members of this cooperative service association was \$25 each. Officers of the organization were John Geiger, Sr., president and W. H. Scott, secretary. Concurrently other lines were built east of Redding and south of Mr. Ayr, and soon formed a network of communication wires throughout the township.

CHURCHES & CEMETARIES

Early Services

The first services were held in the pioneer log cabins. When the school houses were built services were held in most of them.

Camp, grove and tent meetings were frequent in the earlier years. Henry T. "Uncle Tom" Glendenning often told of great revivals conducted in Middle Fork and vicinity. He was a devout Christian leader of great spiritual power and fervor in exhortation.

Camp meetings in the early days of the Hickory Grove district were held by J. E. Holden in his history of the work there. His account indicates that during the years of about 1872-5 camp meetings were held in the pasture of the Isaac Marshall farm. Tent meetings were held on the Luther Dennis farm in 1895. These gatherings usually attracted large companies and crowds, and the lack of present day forms of entertainment and transportation made great opportunities for the evangelist and the party to lead the unconverted into the better Way.

In about 1900 John Bush bought from J. D. Clowell the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9; primarily for religious purposes and secondarily for grazing. This was a beautiful 40-acre tract, with large walnut and other native trees forming an ideal grove along the banks of Middle Fork, and one of its branches. In the summer of 1901 tent meetings were held in this beautiful spot of nature.

Mrs. Anna Davis of Council Bluffs, evangelist of the Evangelical church, conducted the services in the month of August in the valley between the river and the roadway. Attendance was excellent and many were converted, including the writer. The following summer camp meetings were held on the hillside just across the river, with favorable results. In the summer evenings, the singing of hymns could be distinctly heard two miles away.

Methodist

It was in one of these earliest and wonderfully sacred and uplifting series of meetings that those participating were inspired to organize a class of Methodist workers in the community. George W. Arnett of Arkansas City, Kansas, tells us that services were first held in the Gill schoolhouse. When in 1872 Rose Hill schoolhouse was built, a mile south and a mile west the services were transferred there as the more central point for communicants to gather for worship.

J. E. Naugh states that the Hagens, Griffiths and others were interested so much that they had Sunday School and frequent preaching. Rose Hill had for leaders Uncle Billy and Uncle Henry Arnett before there were regular pastors. George Norris was an early preacher, and Bill McFarland, six foot six evangelist, held many school house revivals. The Sunday Schools were very good and Joe tells of one picnic at Clipper about 1870-2. The Clipper delegation met what was then the Kool school delegation marching them into the Clipper picnic grounds to violin music.

The corner-stone of Middle Fork chapel was laid in Sept. 1886 and the new church building dedicated in June, 1887.

Following is a list of first members:

Jane Hagans	Mr. and Mrs. Fred Oliver
Alex Hagans	Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gander
Mr. & Mrs. James Glendenning	Mrs. and Mr. Thomas Glendenning
Mr. and Mrs. Noah Jarvis	Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Bellamy
Lora Dennis	Anna Ferguson
Mr. & Mrs. E. M. Dennis	Mary & Lena Bellamy
Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Seville	Mr. & Mrs. Watson Shaffer
Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Tough	Mrs. Strawn & Emma
Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Tough	Mr. & Mrs. David Hoffman
Mary Glenn	Mr. & Mrs. Martin Hoffman
Ella Scott	Mrs. Sadie Tough
Mary Tough	Laura Roysden
Tillie Glendenning	Charlie Gander
Robert Shaffer	Gilbert Gander

Joe Tough says that the first protracted meetings were held in the new church beginning in February, 1887. This was the greatest revival ever held in the Middle Fork Chapel, Marti Jones was in charge assisted by P. C. Glendenning, E. M. Dennis, and J. A. Gander. Weather and road conditions were ideal.

The cemetery appears to have been established prior to 1858, as Harvey Tough and Judson Griffith each buried a child there that year.

The plot of ground for the chapel and church year adjoining is situated near the southwest corner of Sec. 16 in a grove of native trees adjacent to the Homer Denney farmstead.

Those active in the work of the church when the writer first attended services at Middle Fork in 1892 were the Arnett, Denney, Dennis, Gander, Glendenning, Hagans, Hoffman, Jarvis, McCurdy, McQuigg, Oliver, and Tough families.

Following were the ministers of the Redding circuit. Rev. R. E. Harvey, Historian, Iowa--Des Moines Conference, Methodist Church, has kindly supplied data relative to Middle Fork Chapel for which we are indebted beyond measure. Rev. Harvey was reared eight miles northwest of Mt. Ayr, so is one of us. He says that William McFarland was beginning evangelistic work at the time he left home in 1887 to enter the ministry.

The Pastoral Record of Redding Methodist Charge as far as shown by conference Journals and Presiding Elders' (Dist. Supt.(s) Reports indicate that the southern portion of Ringgold Count in pre-railroad days was served by Methodist preachers stationed at Caledonia and Mormontown (Blockton).

The Journals do not reveal to which of these points the work in Middle Fork township was attached until the dedication of the church in 1887. The data following, however, was gleaned from all available records, and deal generally with the circuit rather than individual preaching places, all of which is of interest to our readers:

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Redding, Circuit

1878 G. W. Morris	1879 Local preacher
1880 C. H. Burleigh	1881 S. N. Mathony
1882-83 J. L. Johnson	1884 J. G. Bourne
1885 T. E. Aten	1886 Martin H. Jones
1887 W. R. Wood	1888 F. F. Mark
1889-90 A. L. Bates	1891-92 G. E. Mitchell
1893-94 J. W. McCurdy	1895 C. B. Larrabee
1896 O. D. Ellett	1897-98 Charles Knoll
1899 K. W. Kelly	1900 C. E. Wood Pruitt
1901-02 F. B. Dunn	1903-04 W. D. Woollover & Edward/
1905 C. C. Wilkins	1906-7-8 G. T. Roberts
1909 C. F. Howard	1910-11 I. E. Holman
1912-15 A. H. Eastman	1916 Carl Critchett
1917-18 W. J. Andrew	1919 J. V. Gray
1920-21 E. F. Baker	1922 J. T. Selby
1923-4 Peer & Marple	1925 L. G. Channel
1926 J. W. Holliday	1927-29 F. W. Imack
1930-39 W. H. Warrior	1939 E. B. Stewart

Advent Christian

The complete story of the beginnings of this work has been heretofore told by J. E. Holden, now of Des Moines. He tells us that in the summer of 1871 Andrew F. Dugger came to the Isaac Marshall schoolhouse, where Sunday School services were being conducted by Matthew Dennis and Mrs. Marshall and proclaimed the doctrine dear to the hearts of the congregation these many years.

In the summer of 1888 the Hickory Grove church was built on the northeast corner of section 23 on ground contributed by Mr. Marshall. The largest cottonwood tree in the country roundabout was donated by William Thompson for construction with many assisting in chopping, sawing, and hauling to and from

the saw mill. The church was cleared of any debt that some fell

In 1901 construction of a parsonage was undertaken, saw logs being given by Joel Brown, Isaac Marshall and Levi Pratt. These were processed at the John Mosberger saw-mill south of the church and over in Missouri.

When the writer's first contacts were made with this congregation in 1895 active members' families were: Arnolds, Browns, Comers, Hackers, Hardys, Holdens, Higgins', Humphreys, James', Jagers, Lambs, McPheters, Marshalls, Maudlins, Milbur Millers, Showalters, Sloans, Spencers, Steadmans, and Stuarts. Jacob Showalter was just in the midst of 25 years' service as song-leader. Elder W. G. Williams was the pastor; Elder R. A. Bixler a frequent visitor.

United Brethern

Palestine U. B. church was built in 1889 on the southwest corner of Sec. 5 three miles south of Delphos. This was under the pastorate of Rev. Cronen and made a charge on the Blockton circuit. Prominent in establishing the work were the Sam and Absalom Baird and Sam Main families. Ministers were Reverends Jones, Nino, Lovelace, Fleming, Wilson, Totwiler, Mitchell, Miss Walden, Hulbert, Schull, and L. R. Smith. Two U. B. Ministers, grandsons of Rev. Jones came out this congregation. these were Claude Main, pastor at Kansas City, Kansas, and Earl Naine, late pastor at Waterloo, Iowa. Presiding Elders were Dr George Miller, W. F. Cronk and E. W. Curtis.

The last report on the Blockton circuit was at the 1917 conference. All services appear to have been discontinued in 1918 as the building sold. The coming of the automobile made it convenient for the membership to transfer to Redding and doubtless was a large factor in the closing of the church.

The writer's first recollections of Palestine were of a revival conducted in 1894. C. L. Haloy was class-leader and S. S. Supt. Belle Schott and T. J. Forbes were also in turn superintendents. Memberships were found in the Baird, Bishop, Farmer, Forbes, Gartin, Gilbert, Golliday, Hoopes, Hull, Jacobs, Main, Haloy, Nixon, Scott and Spencer families.

Assembly of God

In recent years a congregation has been established, and erected a house of worship on the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 23 known as Pleasant Hill.

Sunday School Conventions

Sunday School conventions were long a pleasant and inspirational feature of church life in the township. J. H. Taugh was for many years association president. Prominent and able speakers, including Dr. P. L. Prentice and B. F. Seaton of Delphos, supplimented the splendid local talent in discussion and addresses. With what pride and confidence the younger generation for the first and next succeeding times in their lives walked down the aisles of the churches to address an audience of their elders and the other children and young folks in that region.

CIVIL WAR VETERANS

Among the pioneers of the township were many veterans of the war between the North and South over the disputed doctrine of state and federal rights. We are indebted to our old friend and neighbor, William "Dike" Dyer now of Lemmon, S. D., and

his Mt. Airy buddies for the record of where many of them and neighboring comrades rest.

MIDDLE FORK CEMETARY, MIDDLE FORK TOWNSHIP

Athey, John W.	Co. E. 39th Iowa Infantry
Barrett, Wm. B.	83rd and 63rd Ill, Infantry
Cossairt, Geo. W.	4th Iowa Inf. and 9th Iowa Cavalry
Dennis, Ezekiel M.	Co. C, 3rd S. Border Brigade
Edwards, James B.	Co. B. 18th Iowa Infantry
Glendenning, James W.	Co. G. 10th Iowa Cavalry
Hoffman, John S.	Co. E. 26th Ind. Infantry
Hoffman Martin P.	Co. G. 72nd Ind. Infantry
Imus, Seth	Co. M. 3rd Iowa Cavalry
Locke, Benjamin Z.	Co. I. 1st Wisc. Hvy Art.
Miller, Robert M.	Co. A. 28th Illinois
Oliver, Frederick Newton	Co. I. 7th Iowa Infantry
Reynolds, A. L.	Co B. 105th Illinois Infantry
Vollnogl, Michael	Company Unknown
Harvey Waugh (Indian Wars)	Co. C. 3rd So. Border Brigade
Waugh, Miletus A.	Co. B. 116th and Co. H. 11th Ind. Inf.

HICKORY GROVE CEMETARY, MIDDLE FORK TOWNSHIP

Brown, Willis	Co. G. 35th Mo Infantry
Gragg, Job	Co. B. 29th and 2nd Mo Cavalry
Miller, Nathan	Co. C. 3rd So Border Brig.
Wolford, S. W.	Co. E. 91st Ill. Infantry

PRIVATE CEMETARY

There is also located in this township in the SW corner section on the timber lot of the Hoffman estate a small private cemetery which is one of the oldest in the county. In it are buried members of the Allan and Clark families. This is the Allan referred to in the paragraph on slaves. The families were related and lived so near the Missouri line that when Iowa was admitted to the union as a free state the Allans moved a few hundred feet across the line so as to be in slave territory.

There are fifteen or sixteen graves in this plot which are fairly well marked and inclosed by a triangular formed fence. This cemetary of great historical interest is not even on the highway and the owner of the land has done well in caring for it during these years.

BIOGRAPHIES OF PIONEERS

ARNETT, Henry preempted a quarter-section of land in November, 1854, and two other tracts the following May. Mrs. Lesan tells us he was born in 1810 in Virginia; left early an orphan; came to Illinois in 1828; in 1831 went to Missouri, and the following year married Lucinda Woods, then located in Iowa; came to the township in 1855, and retired to Mt. Ayr thirty years later. Among his eleven children were George W, Charles, Mrs. J. K. P. Norris, and Mrs. James Gander. Many of his descendants located in eastern Kansas; among these are Gilbert Gander of Baldwin City, and Arch Michael of Wellsville. William L., born in Des Moines County, came to the township and entered land at the same time his father did.

ATHEY, John resided on S. $\frac{1}{2}$ of S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 17. Among the children were: Ralph, James, and Elmer.

BAIRD, John, bought the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7 and other lands in the township in 1854, and planted the walnut trees along the roadside, some of which are still standing. His sons, Samuel and Absalom, and daughter Martha (Mrs. Merrill), came later. While they did not live in the township, father and sons owned land within its borders. On their respective farms each preserved a small tract of blue-stem prairie grass, mowed annually for hay. Absalom married Isabelle Poore and built the home, still standing and facing the highway, railroad, and township. Children were: Will, who married Loretta Harrison, Supt. of Redding schools. He at one time ran a bank in Redding. They located in Ponca City, Oklahoma; Alice, who married C. L. Maloy; Mrs. Orrin Spencer; Mrs. James Denhart; Sam, who resided in Chicago; Claude, who is a Chicago teacher; Bertha, who married Cortez Main; Roy, who married Lyda Major; and Dae, now of Memphis, Tenn., who married a Clearfield, girl and they have a son and daughter. Dae sings over a broadcasting network. He attended high school at Redding and Highland Park College.

Samuel, Sr., was father of several children, among them being: Samuel, Jr., who farmed the home place, later locating in Boise, Idaho, where his son, Elder, owns and operates an extensive dry cleaning business and is a member of the State Senate; Nina, who married Orren C. Hull, and they had Harry, who became a banker, and Leila, who married Forrest Main. Orren was closely associated with the township. Coming to the county with his brothers, Robert and Lee, he early operated a huckster service. His family always attended Palestine services. Now he owns an oil station in Kellerton.

C. L. Maloy, 1884 married Alice Beird and they located on the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 7, still the family home. His father, David Maloy, came from Indiana and settled on a farm two miles north of Redding, where they reared a family of four sons and two daughters. One of these was a local physician. Clarence Lincoln served several terms as county commissioner and was active in community and church affairs. His son Flavel, has long engaged in operating an oil station in Redding, and in livestock business. They have a daughter, Marion, who is a teacher at Spickard, Mo., and Flavel, "Bill" a university student. Bernice is married, lives in Redding, and has two daughters, Barbara and Kathleen. Having so large a farm, "Link" usually kept a man, and there was never a better one than John Bevans of Redding, who spent several years on the Maloy and Beird farms. He now resides in the San Joachin valley at Turlock, California.

BLAMELY, Lyeurgus, and Sarah Gard were married Feb. 28, 1884, in Wayne Co., Iowa, living there until 1877, then moving onto a farm two miles south of Mt. Ayr. In 1881 they moved into the township on the J. K. "Polk" Norris farm, a mile northeast of Middle Fork church. Later they bought the N.E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 15, which remained the family home until 1906. They removed to Buxton, Wilson Co., Kansas, in 1907. To this union fourteen children grew to manhood and womanhood. Alice married Jeff Sams, and they bought the E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 5. They then operated a store in Delphos. In September, 1891, Mr. and Mrs. Sams and Clema, the oldest child were called from this earth. The other two, Mamie and Charlie, then went to live with their maternal grandparents. Wilbur in 1898 moved with the neighboring John Glover and Miner Woods families to the Black Hills. He married Mable Harris and they had a son, Harris, all residing at Yakima, Washington. Robert enlisted in Co. K 51st Iowa Regiment, in the Spanish-American war, serving in the Philippines. He married Maud Fisher of Redding, and they have two sons and three daughters. They live in Council Bluffs. Eva, with brother, Sandy, in 1894 went to Whitewood, S. D. She married Daniel J. Arnold of Belle Fourche, S. D. where they have lived 45 years and had five children. Sandy married and located at Rogue River, Oregon. Fifteen children--five boys and ten girls--all living, blessed them. C. W. "Billy" in March, 1903, left for Dawson, N. D., then went to Wimbledon. In Dickinson, N. D., he met Bertha Smith of Logansport, Ind., and on August 6, 1900, they were married and still reside in Dickinson. Of their four daughters, Margaret (Adams) lives at Grassy Butte, N. D.; Alice (Goetz) is in Stockton, Calif.; Lois is attending Northwestern Nazarene College; and Marie is in high school. Delia married Walter Fisher in 1901, and they have one daughter.

Their home is in Gordon, Nebr. Nellie in young womanhood went to Belle Fourche and married Wm. Radeke, and they located in Tulsa, Okla. Two children survive them. Dessie married Nettie Davis and they located in Seminole, Okla. They have two boys and two girls. Reuben went to North Dakota, and married Tillie Tomanson. They reside at Lisbon, N. D., where he is a well-driller. Alex married Ethel Cecil and they live at Buxton, Kansas. Edgar was a Valley City, N. D., barber, then went to Omaha. Margaret married Mark Wellever in Buxton, Kansas, and they live in Tulsa. Mina married Harry Blake in 1912, and they live in Fredonia, Kansas, and have one daughter. Charlie Sams served in the World War, and Mamie married Joe Miller of Kansas. Mr. Blakely was a local preacher of the Old School (Primitive) Baptist Church, and went once a month to Denver, Mo., to preach. He was also a Justice of the Peace for many years. The Blakely family reunion will be held in August, 1940, at Robert's home in Council Bluffs.

BROWN, Joel, entered land a mile south of Hickory Grove in March, 1856. Mrs. Lesan tells us he was born 1830 in Indiana and came to the township in 1855; that in 1851 he married Aveline Cox and they had six children; that his first cabin was 16 x 18, and he was a stock raiser and farmer.

BROWN, Willis, a brother, preempted land in March, 1855, one mile southwest of Hickory Grove. In 1895 they built a large home on the farm. Of their children, Miles lived just adjoining on the west, married Abbey Gray, and they had Jessie, George, Roy, Burton, a railway mail clerk, and Iva. Dempsey remained at home during his lifetime; Ruth Ann married Lewis Marshall and they had Addie and John, all locating in Washington State. Alice and Ellen Brown still reside on the home farm.

CLEWELL, Julius D., located on the S. $\frac{1}{2}$ of S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 3 and S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 4. He was born April 10, 1836, in Pennsylvania, and in 1860 at Princeton, Ill., married Emily Kasheer, born July 30, 1835, near New Philadelphia, Ohio. In the fall of 1874, they left Ford Co., Ill., for Ringgold Co., and later bought the Milton Trullinger farm, the house of which was store and post office of Ingers Grove, of which the records show Mr. Trullinger to have been postmaster until Jan. 10, 1876. Mr. Clewell spent three years in active service of the Union army during the Civil war, participating in twenty-six of the major engagements, including Gettysburg, in his native state. He was a teamster in Battery D, 1st N. Y. Light Artillery, 5th Army Corps. He was long active in G. A. R. and I. O. O. F. circles.

Mr. and Mrs. Clewell and their four daughters, Clemma, Artie (Hardin), Laura, and Prudie, and two sons, Homer and Julius, Jr., came to Iowa in a covered wagon, drawn by a sorrel team--Rock and Fan--leading a milk cow with a black dog, Oudge, under the prairie schooner. The younger sons, Allan and Walter, were born in Iowa. Accompanying the Clewells from Illinois was the Charles Adams family, who remained in the community several years. Julius, Jr., married Lora Dennis, and they homesteaded and ranched near Hathaway, Montana, where Mrs. Clewell promoted the religious life of the community. They now reside in Miles City. Al operates the old home farm. **1997197**

DEFENBAUGH, Henry, owned land in Sec. 4, and his buildings bordered on the township. His sons lived on various farms in Middle Fork. Children were: Elmer, Mrs. Thomas Napier, Charlie, Foster, Bert, Mary, and John. Mr. Defenbaugh came from Ohio, of German extraction, and was a big farmer.

DENNEY, Hugh, was born in Wisconsin. He was one of a family of fourteen children, by two marriages of his father, Thomas, and survived all the older set by over thirty years. Cora became Mrs. Wilson McCurdy; and Sarah married first a Kester, mother of Roy, and second, Seth Imus. Of the younger children there are: Clyde, a carpenter, Kansas City; Robert, in upholstery business, Joplin, Mo; Will, insurance business, Coin, Ia.; Jessie, a city mission worker, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Fannie, who with her husband are missionaries in Guatemala; Lucy, who married James Imus, and they live at Grand Coulee, Wash.; and Mary, now Mrs. Bennett Woods of Joplin, Mo.

Mr. Denney came to the county at the age of 18 years. He married Sarah Miller, daughter of James and his wife, Susan (Mackey), who came to Iowa in 1856, with his parents, Henry and Catherine Miller, from the immediate vicinity of Natural Bridge in Rock-bridge Co., Va., settling in Clinton township. Mr. and Mrs. Denney located on the north half of Section 21, where they remained forty-three years before retiring to Redding. With the exception of one child, the family has all remained in the home locality.

In the Denney family there are Homer, who married Myrtle Jefferson, and they reside on the south half of 16, adjoining Middle Fork Chapel, and have two children: Bernice, who is assistant secretary of the Ringgold County Historical Society, and Hugh Robert.

Gley married Leleh Glendonning, daughter of John, and they have Lester. Their home is south of Mt. Ayr, on the farm where Mrs. Denney was reared. She has won many state prizes on poultry, geese being the leading prize-winners. Gley is active in agricultural affairs.

Susie married Ivan M. Hoffman, and they have resided for many years at Webster Groves, Mo., and have two children. The family have a farm in the old home vicinity.

Rowe married Inis Norris, and they live on the home farm. They have two sons Merritt and Nelson.

Alma married Bernard Saville, and they reside near the childhood homes of each.

E. M. Dennis, was born near Mammoth Cave, Kentucky, removing to Indiana. He married Ruth Marshall, daughter of T. D. and sister of Isaac and Louis of Warren Co., Ind. To this union there were born: George, born in Indiana, long a blacksmith in Redding, then located in Des Moines; John and Woodford, who removed to California; Calvin and Ida, who lived to be nearly grown; William, who was with them only a short time; Nancy, now Mrs. Joe Burks of Corona, California; Lora, now Mrs. Charles Knight of Mt. Ayr; Oliver, who lived south of Middle Fork Church then on the M. P. Hoffman place, and now resides in Mt. Ayr with son, Leslie, and wife and their daughter Ruth, an accomplished musician; Elizabeth, who married Jefferson of Woodbine, related to the Willis Brown and John Cowan families, and while visiting them met his future wife; they located at Woodbine, becoming the parents of eight children, among them Myrtle, now Mrs. Homer Donney, of Middle Fork and Redding; Luther, born Feb. 1, 1859, married Lottie Mendonall in Kansas, and they had: Lora, now Mrs. Julius Clewall, Miles City, Montana; William Dennis, Taber, Iowa; Carrie Styles, Merced, California; and Orville, a minister in Cheney, Wash. Luther lived in earlier years on the N. $\frac{1}{2}$ of N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 27. Some years ago he located on a farm north of Watterson and just across the line on Lotts Creek township. He has recently retired to Mt. Ayr. Luther recalls the recollection of President Lincoln, when voters were either Copperheads or for Lincoln and the Union.

Uncle Matt, E. M., migrated to Milo, Iowa, his father-in-law coming on to Ringgold County. He came to the township as early as August 29, 1857, where entries were made on lands in Sections 23 and 26. He located on the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 26, where his son, Luther has a lively recollection of seeing the father break prairie and plow under brush and saplings of any size the oxen could get over. As a small boy, Luther's job was to run alongside and prod the oxen into greater activity. It took a real man to hold such a plow in the ground, and E. M. Dennis was one such.

At the funeral of George Cozart, who had returned to his home on the Imus place on furlough, E. M. marched with a fife and drum corps with the procession to Middle Fork cemetery where the home guards fired a volley over his grave. Rev. F. M. Dennis was a local preacher of ability and power. As a Justice of the Peace, he performed many marriage ceremonies. Among those united were Noah Jarvis and Sarah Ann Howe, now residing at Wimbledon, N. D., in their 60th year of married life.

During the Civil War, E. M. Dennis was sent by the Home Guards to Indianola, where his two brothers lived, and the nearest express office, to bring the money soldiers had sent to their wives. As a member of the Guards, he had a beat to ride along the state line between the East and Middle Forks of the Grand River.

William Jefferson Dennis, left the home farm at an early age to enter the Railway Mail Service and, despite the strenuous duties of his position, made use of all spare time continuing his education. He graduated from Des Moines College and with his wife, Effie, went as mission teacher to Peru. They had a son, William, Jr., who is also a teacher. While engaged in this commendable work, he made the valuable scientific discovery of cube, a powerful insecticide. He returned to Iowa City as an instructor, but was called away from this work in 1929 to accompany a scientific expedition up the Amazon and into Peru. Mr. Dennis is author of the book "The Poison Arrow", and three history books.

GANDER, James H., of Zanesville, Ohio, came to the township in 1857. He and Mrs. Gander, nee Arnett, located on the east of Sec. 10. During the war between the North and South he had a long war record, and was mustered out a captain. He served as County Superintendent, and was a local preacher. For several decades of their latter years, Captain and Mrs. Gander lived in Baldwin City, Kansas. Gilbert served in the Spanish-American War, and practiced law in Coffeyville, Kansas. He is married and resides in Baldwin City.

GARTIN, George W., came to the township in 1875. He was born Jan. 31, 1842, in Fulton, Ind. His wife, Mary Threlkeld, an orphan reared by uncle and aunt, was born in Jackson Co., Ind., March 25, same year. They were married March 27, 1864, at Chariton, Lucas Co., Iowa. On Oct. 24, 1861, he enlisted in Company C, 13th Iowa Inf., and was in several famous battles of the war, participating at Shiloh, siege of Vicksburg, Kennesaw Mountain, siege of Atlanta, and in Sherman's march to the sea, then marched to Goldsboro, North Carolina. He served as musician until the siege of Atlanta, when he shouldered a musket, and was mustered out as an Orderly

Sergeant. He was honorably discharged in July 1865, and returned to Lucas Co., where all the children were born: Rosetta Belle (Mrs. Frank Phillippi), Thomas N., Stephen D., Franklin P., and Eugene. The father and sons formed a fife and drum corps. They spent many years on the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 8, then moved near the county seat. Steve, to whom we are indebted for this interesting data, married Jan. 6, 1926, Grace Glendenning, daughter of John, and they reside at Mt. Ayr.

GLENDENNING, David, was the youngest of the Richard Glendenning family to reach manhood. He located on Sec. 10. To him and Aunt Em were born: Charlie, who married Maude Hardin, and they live near Mt. Ayr; Ralph; Ida, who married Wayne Kester, and lives in Mt. Ayr; Minnie, who married Jake Kester, and is employed on the Omaha-Council Bluffs bridge; James, who located at Greeley, Colo.; Jerry, who married Maude Shaffer and they reside near Redding; Maude, who married Anderson, and is a teacher; Halley, now of Sunnyside, Wash.; Roy of near Mt. Ayr; and Mabel.

GLENDENNING, Henry Thomas, son of Richard, born at Anderson, Ind., married Charlotte Brooks Howe, a widow, who with her first husband, Thornton Howe, a lawyer, had left Swayzee, Ind. with two young daughters, for Iowa. They stopped first in Davis county, and in 1858 located on a 100-acre farm in Sec. 9 and 10. Uncle Tom had come to Mo. in 1840 with his parents, who operated a saw mill in Gentry Co. Going to Stanton, Neb., in 1902, he homesteaded near Pingree, N. D., where he spent the summers. He was a surveyor and in his Ia. and Dak. pioneering, enjoyed running lines, locating government corners, and the thrill of range and pioneer life. Aunt Charlotte spent her later years with her daughter, Belle Scott, in University Park, adjoining Oskaloosa, Ia. The Glendenning children were: Belle, Henrietta, Albert, and Tillie. Belle was a teacher and taught throughout much of the county and in McPherson Co. Kansas. On Christmas eve, 1891, she was married to Wm. H. Scott. Etta Glendenning married Wm. R. Locke, a neighbor. He operated a sales and livery barn in Mt. Ayr and Stanton, Nebr.; had a horse ranch in N. D., and devoted his life work to the horse business. They had Wm. M., now of Cincinnati; Belle and Adria of Calif. As Mrs. Duncan Pearmain, the latter wrote a prize story "Salute the '39ers" in the May 13, '39 Saturday Evening Post. Albert Glendenning located in Nebr. He married Della Medaris and they had Eva. He later homesteaded near Crosby, N. D., and in Canada. His home is now at Seattle.

GLENDENNING, James W., born in Anderson, Ind. 1842, came in 1861. He enlisted in Co. G., 4th Iowa, but was soon mustered out for disability. The records of the Adjutant General's Department say of his further service: "Age 18 yrs; Residence Ingart's Grove, nativity Indiana; Enlisted March 24, 1862, Co. "G" 4th Cav. Missouri State Militia. The farm on Sec. 22 and 23 was obtained in 1869. He married Delilah Jarvis and they had: William H., who with his uncle, Noah Jarvis, was the first from that section to settle in N. D., going first to Wimbledon, then operating a ranch near what is now Woodworth; Carrie, who kept house for her brother, and married Garfield Wilson, of Van Wert, Ind. and they took a homestead which with the Will Glendenning land they bought, is now the site of Woodworth N. D. They reside at Salem, Ore., and have James, Edgar, Belle, and Wiloon; Ella married Alphonse Hotchkiss and they reside on her homestead near Woodworth and have Lola and Glen. Sadie married Willard Waugh and they remained near Redding. Verda married A. Lester Hoffman. Both were teachers, and homesteaded at Woodworth. Mary, who married James Holden, left a daughter, Sylvia.

GLENDENNING, Peter, as a boy, in 1840 came with his parents from Greencastle, Ind., to Albany, Mo. His father was a brother of Richard. He located on W. $\frac{1}{2}$ of S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 11, and was an active local preacher. Around the turn of the century, he located at Kalispell, Mont. His son Tommie was an Advent Christian minister. There were also Sylvia and Claude George. A sister was Thene Curry, wife of James, who lived in Rice township. Their sons were: Calvin, who married Lessie Jacobs and was a minister, residing at University Park; Warren, married a Kester, and they remained in the county.

GOLLIDAY, William, a carpenter, resided at the turn of the century on S. $\frac{1}{2}$ of N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 7, moving to the Hosford place, and thence to Des Moines, his present residence. With him and wife, Emma, were the three Clayburg children of a former marriage. Of these, Earl married Jessie Jordan, and they reside at Greeley, Colo., where he has a filling station on the Estes Park highway. Verna married Sam Rush, and they had several children. The family located near Greeley. She was an accomplished musician. Frank married Dora Bellamy, and is the Methodist minister at Villisca, where he has a large congregation. The two Golliday children, Violet and Wyatt, are in Des Moines and both married. Violet and family, following in the footsteps of her mother, are active in the Salvation Army, and Wyatt is a stone-cutter.

HAGANS, Elizabeth Jane (Tardy) was born in Rockbridge Co., Va near the Natural Bridge. She married Dr. Bird Hagans, who practiced medicine in Mt. Ayr in the early days. He had been a pupil in the Mt. Ayr school of both the father and mother of Randolph Beall of that city. The Hagans had one son, Alexander. He married Mamie Swan and in 1897 both he and his mother located on farms a mile or so of Ringgold. Later they located in Manchester, Kansas. Mrs. Hagans, in the early years, was a teacher and later had charge of the local post office.

GRIFFITH, Jethro Johnson, was born June 9, 1851, in Crwwford Co., Ill., son of James J. Griffith and wife, Susan Higgins. The father was born in 1826 in Guernsey Co., Ohio, and his grandfather had come to Philadelphia from England, where his great-grandfather had come from Wales. James J. married in 1849. In mid-summer of 1854 the family moved to the township. In 1856 the N. $\frac{1}{2}$ of N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 20 was preempted and remained his parents' home. Other children were Mary (Hoffman), Martha Jane (Oliver), and Mac. In 1860 or '61, Jethro attended school his first term, to Sarah Glendänning, and the second term to Nancy Glendenning.

On his 21st birthday, Jethro was offered the sale of the N. $\frac{1}{2}$ of N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 18 by Martin Hoffman. That fall of 1872 he bought the land, giving notes which he met before due, and received a discount accordingly. The farm has never had a mortgage on it. In September of that year he adopted the Golden Rule. On January 31, 1876, he married Maria Glover of Noble Co., Ohio. Children were: Louanna, married Charles Michael, March 28, 1900, and they reside on the W. $\frac{1}{2}$ of S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ OF Sec. 17; George E. married Maud Miller on October 6, 1906. They farmed on S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 9 and they now operate a grocery store in Redding. They have a daughter, Velma. Charles L. married Margaret Hermann and farmed on W. $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 8, then moved to Minn. and thence to Klamath Falls, Ore., where he and his son operate a dairy. Clara Mae married J. Ray Miller, Feb. 15, 1908, and farmed on S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 7, then moved to Redding. They are now in Larimer, Ia. Owen married Emma Miller, Feb. 28, 1914, and they farmed in the township until 1930, then sold out and bought a farm southeast of Redding. James, son by second marriage, to former Miss Marts, owns east half of home place and has a service station on the across the road from the site of old Bunker Hill. After 81 years in the township, Mr. Griffith, with wife, moved in 1936 to Redding, where they now reside.

HIGGINS, Allen and wife, Louisa, left Hancock Co., Ind., and entered a tract of land in Sec. 30 in Dec., 1855. Mrs. Lesan tells us this became known as the Thomas McQuigg farm; and that Mr. Higgins served as county treasurer and a member of the 17th General Legislative Assembly; that their daughter, Mrs. Charles Humphreys, is one of the two oldest native-born women in the township.

HOCKETT. The couple came from Indiana to Iowa in 1852, and to Ringgold Co. in 1882. Children were: Betsy Jane, July 4, 1872 married Nathan Hamner, and they operated a brick kiln north of Redding, before locating near Wimbledon and Courtenay, N.D., and they had: Etta, of Ringgold Co.; Alice of Alberta, Canada; Arthur, married and after many years at Wimbledon purchased a farm

at Grantsburg, Wisconsin, where they now live; Charlie, formerly agent for the Soo line at Velva, N. D., and now at Escanaba, Mich.

George Hockett of Redding, Nancy and Nettie. The Hockett farm was the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7.

HOFFMAN, David, appears to have come about 1870, locating on the E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 18, with other land in Sec. 2. He served as a member of the Board of Supervisors. His wife was Mary Griffith, and they had: J. E. "Eddie," Silas, Lester, and Ivan. The former two reside at Redding; Lester homesteaded at what is now Woodworth, N. D. and resides in Springfield, Ore. He married Verda Glendenning. Their children are: Goldie, Janice, Wendell, Gordon, and David. Ivan married Susie Denney and they have Harriet and Hollis. Ivan and Harriet taught in St. Louis schools, where they were commercial instructors. He graduated from Simpson College, Indianola. Aunt Mary is one of the two oldest daughters in the township.

HOFFMAN, John Savaree, born Indiana in 1875, purchased the N. $\frac{1}{2}$ of N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 19 from his mother-in-law, Mrs. Susan Klous. By his first marriage there were: Adonijah A., who married a Lesan and early located at Courtenay, N. D. on a large farm where Mrs. Hoffman resides. His son Merritt, is at Minot.

Anna married Sherman T. Ferguson and they resided just west of the home place. In 1900 they moved to Wimbledon, N. D., and homesteaded near Woodworth, their present home. They had: Earl, married Grace Price of Ringgold Co., second, Josie Berg, and he operates a dairy at Woodworth, N. D. married Edgar Goffe, Wimbledon photographer and now Woodworth electric engineer; Ollie, married Charles Inches of Bonnie Scotland, Farmers Union Oil Station manager at Ryder, N. D.; Elmer, who located in Minneapolis; Clyde, Mill City electrician, residing with his daughter, Grace, in Minneapolis.

Will, who located at Velva, and now resides in Saskatchewan.

Mattie, married John Edwin Scott, and they resided first on the parental farm, then at Shelton, Snohomish and Pateros, Wash., where he was a contracting carpenter. Le Vetta, born in the township, married I. Wells Little John, Pateros postmaster, and they have two daughters.

Ruth, married George Wilson of Van Wirt, and they lived on a homestead adjoining Woodworth, N. D., after a few years residence at Courtenay.

Charlie, married Persis Clark of Ringgold Co., and they

they had two sons, Everett and Wayne. He had a claim near Woodworth.

In 1893 the family moved into Redding. Mrs. Hoffman married second, Mrs. Waugh, sister of Sherman Ferguson. By her first marriage there were: Bert, who homesteaded near Woodworth, married Grace Metheny, local teacher, and they located in Ohio. A daughter married Eddie Hoffman, and another married Harlan Abarr. By the second marriage of each there were: Florence, a teacher, now Mrs. C. H. Ramsey, residing on the O. I. Tardy place; and Olive, now Mrs. Thomas Miller, living west of Redding.

HOFFMAN, Martin P., born 1841 in Montgomery Co., Ind., where in 1868 he married Elizabeth, daughter of John Bishop, Mrs. Losen tells us, and they came to their home on the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 18 in 1870. A deeply religious and philanthropic man, "Uncle Martin" participated largely in the endowment of Simpson Methodist College of Indianapolis, and through resulting scholarships, helped many worthy young people acquire higher educational training. He had a long war record and was a co-founder of the Middle Fork church. Aunt "Lib" survived him by many years, remaining on the home farm.

HOLDEN, John, came first in 1856, remaining for a year; then returned to Ill., where he enlisted in the Civil War. He came permanently in the spring of 1866, residing on the home farm--in Sections 12, 13, and 14, until retiring to Mt. Ayr. His son, James, located on the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 1. He married first, Mary Glendenning, and they had a daughter, now Mrs. R. L. Fry; Joseph, left Mt. Ayr in April 1913, for Cedar Rapids, thence to Independence, and since June 1, 1934, has lived in Des Moines.

POSFORD, Jonathan, owned the S. $\frac{1}{2}$ of S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 4, and adjacent lands. His son, Will, who married Iris Knight, resided on the home farm and John, who married a Jacobs, on another tract cornering. Several grandsons of the Reynolds' family located in the township. Uncle "Jot" lived at Diagonal, and then in Delphos in later years. Clyde Hoover who farmed the land around 1898, owned and operated a horse-power threshing machine, which did most of the local work, resulting in those memorable threshers' dinners.

HUGHES, Aaron, who resides in the extreme southeast corner of the township, was reared east of Watterson, where his father Wm. Hughes, was among the earliest settlers in the East Grand Valley. Aaron married into the Robertson family of Hatfield vicinity and they and their family have resided at their present home for several decades.

JAMES, Squire Harrison, native of Attica, Ind., came with his mother to the home farm, the S. $\frac{1}{2}$ of S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 14, in 1874. The mother, Melinda For lived to be 103, after taking her first auto ride on her 100th birthday in 1914 with S. A. Derickson. On October 21, 1877, he married Mary Howe, born May 17, 1859, in Iowa. In the James family there were: Lilly; Carl Claude, married Eva Flowell of Wimbledon, and they located at Lashburn, Saskatchewan; Ida Belle, married Glenn Brown of Spiritwood, N. D., and they have a daughter; Edmund Howe, married Gertrude Humphrey, and they have Oral, Victor, Jessie, Darlene, and Maxine. They lived for a time at Wimbledon, and are now on Section 22. Guy married Ina Pearson of Spiritwood and they have Irene, Doyle, and Ruby. They reside at Frederic, near Ottumwa; Roy, married Gussie Arnold, and they homesteaded in Wyoming, and now are living on Sec. 25. They have Esther, Zona, Dorothy, and Laurence; Ora, who resides with his mother at home; Fay, who married a Waugh; Clarence "Jess", also married and lives near Hatfield; Merle, married and lives near Hickory Grove.

The JARED family in the early 70's lived in a two-story log cabin home on the corner $\frac{1}{4}$ mile west of the first Rose Hill school. They also resided for a time on the W. $\frac{1}{2}$ of the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 8, intersected by the creek. Later they located between Watterson, then known as "Stringtown" and Ringgold "City." Sarah, married John Engle, veteran, residing just southeast of Ringgold. She now resides with her foster-son, Frank Lamb, at Olathe, Kansas. Lucrotia, married Barnett of Cainsville. For many years these two G. A. R. Widows lived together in Wellsville, Kansas. Another sister married Sherman McAninch of Ringgold, and Maggie married El Hopkins of Watterson.

JARVIS, Noah, born Dec. 13, 1848, in Ohio, married Sarah Ann Howe, born Nov. 4, 1854 in Franklin Co, Ind. The nuptial knot was tied November 17, 1872, by E. M. Dennis as Justice of the Peace. Children were: Lottie, born on the Hetzer place, married Jean Murdick, Wimbledon N. D., and they had Mabel and two boys, all now at Minnetaki, Ontario; Ernest, had a claim near Pingree; Edith, born on Jared place, married Dr. Elmo L. Reynolds of Lenox and Minneapolis, and now of Osseo, Minn.; Ralph, born on Jared place, married Ida Brown and had three sons; Elmer, born on Gilbert farm, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north of H. T. Glendenning's, now fire chief and town marshall of Wimbledon, who married Dora Kuhlmann and they have Dorothy and Elmo; Fred, born on Gilbert farm, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north of H. T. Glendenning's; Clifford, born on Kiou's place, married Gladys Scott, and they farm with Fred; Charlie of Minneapolis. The Jarvises were the first Redding family to locate in North Dakota, arriving April 13, 1897, at Wimbledon, where after 67 years of married life, this splendid couple still reside.

JORDAN, Frank, of Guthrie County, in 1883 located on the E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 2. He and his wife, the former Rosetta Rush, were m. in the township Dec. 5, 1878, preceeding. They had three daughters: Nancy, Jessie m. Earl Clayburg, and they have Francis Earl and Elma Pauline; and Bessie, also living near Greeley.

KHOUS, Harvey, owned the S. $\frac{1}{2}$ of N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 19, then left for Kansas about 1883. Fifteen years later he sold the farm to John S. Ferguson.

KNIGHT, Lewis C., for many years resided on the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8 and other contiguous tracts. Among the children were: Nora, Iris, George, Rollie, Kattie, Ray, Guy, Grace, Ruebin, Ivy, and Vern. In 1899 they moved to the Gill farm, operating lands in Sections 2 and 11. James Crouch bought the farm, residing there two years. A sister, Miss Ida Crouch became Mrs. Ralph Main. Thomas J. Forbes of Farmer City, Ill., then purchased the farm, residing there until locating at Medina, N. D. in 1907 returning to Redding several years later. Wilbur went back to Ill.; Ila is Mrs. Guy Saville; Winnie, Alice and Urie reside in Minn. Mr. Forbes has had wide experience as a farmer, auctioneer and hardware merchant. He and his family have been active in religious work wherever residing. The T. C. Galloway family has since resided on the farm on U. S. 169.

LANDON, John C. resided with his parents and sister, Eva, near Crown Point school house. In 1904 he located near Cathay, N. D., m. Almeda Winer, and they have eight children. They now reside on a farm near Carrington, N. D. His sister, Eva (Taggart), lives at Kellerton.

MCCURDY, Wilson, m. Cora Denney, and they had: Jessie, now Mrs. Henry Gerber of Springfield, Ore.; Marion, who married a Brady, works for the Midland Continental Railroad Company at Jamestown, N. D.; Maude, who married a Houcke and they are in Oregon; Thomas, who married Irma Sunday, niece of the great evangelist, William Ashley Sunday, and they reside on their Twin Butte ranch near Woodworth, N. D.; Bertha, wife of Murray Derickson, also of Oregon; and Carl. The McCurdy family moved to North Dakota in the spring of 1903, homesteading near Marstonmoor and Medina. Their last residence in the township was in the southeast of Sec. 8.

MCPHEETERS, Walter, located early on the N. $\frac{1}{2}$ of the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 14, still distinguished by the large yellow barn looming on the horizon. Walter himself was distinguished by a flowing, sandy beard. They moved ~~xxx~~ to Kansas where Arthur and son operated a mattress factory in Olathe for many years. Other children were: Earl; Corwin; Willie; Charles, a doctor in Kansas City; and Perry, a doctor in Des Moines.

McQUIGG, Wm. J., in 1868 came to adjoining Worth County, Mo., and in early years purchased several tracts of land in the township. Aug. 27, 1902, he married Blandhe Saville. Their children: Paul, married Jennie Frost, and they reside on the adjoining former David Lee place, and have Paul J. Jett; William, married Alma Logan and they are major turkey raisers--4000 in 1939; Eula, m. Kyle Jones, superintendent of Grouttenger schools, and they have Marjorie Ann and William Kyle; Milo, m. Fern Davis and they operate the Home place; and Dortha May, now deceased. The family home is on the S.E. 1/4 of sec. 6. W.J. has a brother, John, in Alaska, and a sister, Pauline Horton, living in Calif. T. D. McQuigg assumed the duties as sheriff in January, 1890.

MAIN, Samuel, resided first at Stringtown (Watterson), where his son, Earl, was b. in 1886. The family located on Sec. 6 beside the Empire school house on the southeast corner of the section, and Palestine church across the road, then on the southwest corner. They lived in Blockton, then in Redding and at Des Moines. Children: Floyd, m. Ella Shaffer, and they bought the father's farm at Palestine, homesteading in Montana. They had Forrest, m. Leila Hull, and later lived near M. Ayr. Mrs. Ella Main lives at Redding; Cortex, m. Bertha Baird, and they bought the other farm of his father, later locating in Kansas; Austie (Shaffer) whose son, Day, resides in Mt. Ayr; another son, Roy, m. Beatrice Derickson, and they live in Des Moines; Ralph, able editor of the Redding Herald since 1912, m. Ida Crouch and they have Lela, Clifford, Raymond, and Thelma; Earl, a United Brethren minister, long pastor at Waterloo; Maude, of Des Moines; and Claude, United Brethren minister of Kansas City, Kansas.

MARSHALL, Isaac, b. July 9, 1842 in Warren Co., Ind., came to Ringgold Co. in 1857. On October 14, 1862 he enlisted Co. "C" 3rd En Iowa Volunteers Southern Border Brigade. Mustered Oct. 18, 1862. Upon his marriage to Nancy Moler Jan. 10, 1864, they located on 40 acres in the township. His farm grew to 240 acres in Section 23. On Feb. 4, following his marriage, he enlisted in Co. "G", 29th Ia. Inf. At the shelling of Atlanta he was wounded, then hospitalized at Camden, Ark., where he was captured and held as a prisoner of war for 10 months there and at Magnolia, Ark., and Shreveport, La. He was baptized July 9, 1882 by Elder J. F. Adair, and united with Hickory Grove Advent Christian church, to which he had donated five acres of land. Children were: Wm. Parks, Emilee May, Thos. Edward, and Grace Edna. He lived with Park in Ark until his death in March 1940.

MAUDLIN, Marion, was born in a house that stood about 1/2 mile south of the Miles Brown house. His father was James Maudlin who evidently married a James as Marion was a nephew of Squire James. He is probably the oldest living man born in the township. Other members of the family were Frank, who married a Wolfe, and Ross and John, who died early. Marion's wife was America (Nee) Cowan. Children were: Nora, who became Mrs. Robert Sutherland; Norman, residing near Mt. Ayr; Farvey who married a daughter of Stuart Ferguson; Ethel, now Mrs.

Armstrong; and Corwin. For more than a half century the Mandlins have resided on the W. $\frac{1}{2}$ of S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 14.

MILLER, Nathan, came in 1856 from Rockbridge Co., Va., where he was born in 1824, and in 1847 married Sarah Shaffer. His first Iowa home was a 14 x 16 log cabin. A daughter, Martha, married Jake Shewalter, and another Lou, became Mrs. Mitchell Shaffer. Other children were: Mac, Henry, Jake, Hugh, Bert, Maggie, Ella, Fred, Nettie, Alice, and Bell. In building his later house, the shingles and some of the other material was hauled by team from St. Joseph, Mo.

NEEDELS, John W., m. March 22, 1868, Arletha Clementine Howe, who was b. March 18, 1852 in Franklin Co., Ind., and in the spring of 1858, came to Davis Co., with her mother and father, Thornton Howe, who taught a 3-months' term of school there, then came to the township. The Needels' moved to Gentry Co., Mo., and there were born: Annie, Enoch, Henry, Florence, George and Samuel. In 1880 the family returned to the township and bought the Jared farm from Noah Jarvis. The following spring he purchased the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the S.W. $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 8 --perhaps more--across the section line east of Bunker Hill. Their daughter, Effie, was b. there. Mr. Needels planted a row of peach trees along the roadside north of Bunker Hill, many of which were still standing and bearing twenty years later. Then the family went to Kansas. Other children were Fillmore and Walter. Annie, now Mrs. Ramsey of Reading, Kan, recalls her conversion in 1882 at Rose Hill services. George is an Evangelical pastor in Nebraska.

OLNEY, George, was born in Wapello County in 1848 and came to Ringgold County shortly after being mustered out of the army. He had enlisted in the army at a tender age and served in the regiment who colonel was F. M. Drake, later Governor of Iowa and namesake of Drake University. He first bought and started to clear eighty acres in Middle Fork township which became the nucleus for a large farm later. Shortly after getting a good crop off his new land Mr. Olney rented out his farm and went to Kansas and took a homestead. The hot winds burned out his first crop there and after making a trip to Wyoming with cattle he returned to Iowa and began improving his farm. In 1875 he married Rachel Milburn of Ottumwa and brought her to his new home in Middle Fork Twp. where they became one of the most successful farm families in the county, adding many acres to the original eighty. Their children were: Bertha m. Johnson, Carl, Petrlm. Sutherland, George and Harrison. Another daughter, Almira Etta died in infancy. George lives in Missouri and the rest of the children live near the home place. Mrs. Olney lives in Mount Air. She has a keen memory and related interesting pioneer incidents with zest. She recalls that when news was received of the death of Lincoln some copperhead women went about shouting and rejoicing and her townswomen descended on her and took her to the river and threw her in. She was dragged out by men who listened to pay the fines of the avengers, mostly the widows. Mrs. Olney says that as a young woman she

she always insisted that she must have a new stove when she got married and she said that wish was realized. Mr. Olney got a stove and outfit of utensils which in those days always went with the purchase of a stove and she got supper on it the first night they lived in their new house in Middle Fork Twp.

OLIVER, Frederick Newton, resided on the W. $\frac{1}{2}$ of S.W. $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 18. In the Civil war he enlisted in 1864 at Keokuk, and was assigned to the 51st Iowa Infantry. He served with Sherman part of the time in the march to the sea. In 1865, upon discharge from the army, he came to the township; On Nov. 10, 1870, he m. Martha Jane Griffith; She came to Iowa Oct. 5, 1853, moving with her parents from Palestine, Ill., to Mahaska Co., Ia., going on in May, 1854, to Ringgold County. Children were: Mary, James, Della, Carrie, Willard, and George. The youngest son graduated from the Redding schools in 1902 and took up telegraphy. He is now operator and agent for the C. B. & I. at Pleasantville, Iowa.

RILING, Barney, and wife were among the three German families who came together by covered wagon into the locality. They located on the E.W. $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 18. Their two sons, Henry and Ben, were men of outstanding physique, both standing well over six feet in height, and broad in proportion. Due to their participation and superior strength and weight, the south half of the county for many years held the championship in tug-of-war contests at the county fair. Henry was a horse dealer, and both were farmers. Annie M. Thomas Guthrie in 1898 and they had Lydia Habel, Clarence W., Howard E., and Velva Lorenz.

John Geiger came at the same time, his farm bordering on the township, south of Delphos. John Jr. and Will, the older sons, in 1898 located on the east one-half of sec. 5. John m. Mary Ellen Lee and they had Vance, a teacher. John resides in Redding and is a member of the village board. Will, upon his marriage located on the McCurdy farm in Sec. 8 then between Delphos and Maloy. Other children in the family were: Joe; Matt m. Ora Ecker; Charles; and two daughters. Only the farm of Co. Treasurer Earl Hoover and his brother Stuart lies between the old home places of Geigers and Lahs.

John Lahs, another of the trio, located adjoining Delphos to the south and west. The youngest daughter Julia, upon her marriage to Fred Hardin, located on the N. $\frac{1}{2}$ of the E.W. $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 5. She m., second, Homer Wright, brother of Mayor George Wright of Mt. Ayr, and they located in Minneapolis. Here she made a comfortable home for her aged mother. Her son, Edward Vance, and wife Aileen (Morris), and their daughter, Barbara; and daughter, Lydia, reside in the Minneapolis metropolis. The latter takes the leading part in religious programs and pageants of the great Hennepin Avenue Methodist church.

RUSH, Aaron, was b. in Kentucky in 1826, locating first in Illinois, and coming to the township in 1869. He located on Sec. 3. The children were: Jim; a pair of twins who died in infancy; John; who owned land in the township, although living in Rice, and who had Dennis of Mower County, Minn., who m. Maggie Lahs, Sam, who m. Verna Clayburg and lives near Greeley, Colo., and Vina; Martha Morris who lives in Des Moines; Rosette Jordan; Mrs. Lorretta Jordan; Grant, who died in Sept. 1938 in Calif; Mrs. Ella Bellamy; Mrs. Emma Elliot of Mt. Ayr; Peter, who m. a Stedman; Isaac, who for some years resided on Sec. 5 but now lives in Mt. Ayr; Sissie Withersnow of Mt. Ayr, who for many years resided in the township; and Erastus, who remained in the township for many years.

S. VILLE, Jacob, was b. Jan. 17, 1841 near Natural Bridge in Rockbridge County, Va., son of John and Sarah Shaffer S. ville. When he was 15 the family moved to Knox Co. in east Tennessee. While there he served two years in the war between the states. He then went to Morgan Co., Ill., where on Oct. 18, 1866, he was m. to Mary E. Henderson. In the fall of 1871 he came to Mt. Ayr, and in 1872 bought the farm on the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 9, which remained the family home, living in a log house until the year 1880 when the present house was built, adding many more acres throughout the years. Their children and grandchildren born in the township: Sarah Etta, who m. Jacob Henry Link, and they had Willard, Eunice and John; Joseph H., now of Mt. Park, Okla., (both Etta and Joe were born in Ill.); John S., who m. Carrie Oliver, and they reside on the old home place; Jacob A., who m. Pearl Miller; George f., who m. Nettie Mackemson, and they reside on the Thos. Glendinning place on Sec. 9, and they have Bernice, Leland, Lloyd, Keith, Henry, Annabelle, and Ethel; Myrs Nannie Blanche, who is now Mrs. W. J. McQuigg; Elmer Lee, who m. Fannie Simpson of Worth, Mo., and they reside on the east side of Sec. 13, and have Bertha, Elsie, and Insel; Belva Belle, who married Edd Forbes and they reside at Bagley, Minn., and they have Blanche, Tommy, and Wineta; Guy, who m. Il. Forbes, and have Alden, Algie, Treva, and Audry; Bernard, who married Alma Denney and they are on the old David Glendinning place on Sec. 9, and have Esther, Lavene, Bernadine, Elvin, Clyde, and Ruth.

When Ruth finishes the eighth grade in Rose Hill school next year (1941), it will complete 69 years that there have been one or more of the S. ville children in continuous attendance in Middle Fork Township.

Mr. and Mrs. S. ville traveled life's pathway together several years beyond their Golden Wedding anniversary.

SCOTT, William H., b. in 1856 on his parents' homestead six miles northeast of Council Bluffs, came to the township in 1890, joining his brothers and sisters and their mother, Susanna Glendenning Scott, sister of Peter. For a number of years they operated the Smith place on the west $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 7.

Upon Will's marriage to Florence Belle Glendenning they resided on the S. $\frac{1}{2}$ of the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 7, the buildings being located near the railroad right-of-way. In 1895, they were on the southeast of 26, a mile south of Hickory Grove, then bought an "80" a mile east and a half-mile north of Ringgold "City", living there two years. In 1898 they returned to the township, having purchased the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 5, two miles south of Delphos. They sold the N. $\frac{1}{2}$ and purchased the N. $\frac{1}{2}$ of the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$. In later life Mr. Scott served on the Capitol police force in Washington.

With them from Oct., 1892 to Sept., 1903 was the writer, a nephew of Mr. Scott's, who by choice left the city for farm life. High school work was taken at Redding, riding on horse back or walking down the C. B. & Q. track with Doc Baird in time of bad roads. He set out the willow trees along the banks of a stream on the farm. He attended Highland Park College and was an instructor there; took a homestead in N. D. and rode the range; managed a furniture business and served as secretary to a governor and senator, a clerk of the Senate committee on Indian affairs covered the U. S. in an investigation of Indian conditions. His daughters, Nellie and Verabel were with Mrs. Scott at University Park, a municipality adjoining Oskaloosa, through most of their school days, attending Fletcher College. Mr. Olson in 1909 shipped the first carload of apples out of Delphos. He is now engaged in the practice of law in Bismark and is Assistant Director of the Division of Cooperatives in the N. D. Department of Agriculture. While in Washington he engaged actively in mission work and served as chairman of evangelism of the D. C. Christian Endeavor Union.

Frank, Fred, Mary, Sylvia and Ed Scott with his wife, Hattie Hoffman, their daughter, Le Vetta, and Will Hoffman, left on March 20, 1897 in two covered wagons with mule teams for Timbleton, Barnes Co., N. D., being the first of that great exodus for the Dakota homestead country. They reached their destination on April 22. Their cousin, Will Glendenning, and his uncle, Noah Jarvis, and family, starting later, but going by rail, had reached the wheat country ten days before.

The Scott girls, Mary, Hattie, Sylvia and Clara, were school teachers and taught in many schools throughout the township. The family went on to Puget Sound locating in the Shelton vicinity. Frank served as deputy sheriff a number of terms. Fred was assistant deputy warden at Walla Walla State prison and mined and explored in Alaska. Hattie m. John Richmond of Beaconsfield. Harry took a homestead in the Okanogan country.

SHOWALTER, Charles H., b. in Virginia, came to township in 1869. The home farm was on Sec. 7, Bunker Hills school house being on the southeast corner. It was later owned by his son, Walter, who moved to Blockton after selling to Clarence Nixon of Farmer City, Ill., and later owned by Ray Miller.

SHOWALTER, Isiah Jacob, came from Greencastle, Ind., at the age of 20. He was b. Jan 1, 1847 in Va. On March 4, 1869, he m. Martha Agnes Miller. Children were: H. F.; Ernest W.; Mrs. Ernest Ewing; Mrs. W. P. Marshall and Mrs. F. M. Glenn, with whom he resided in Ark. until Feb. 6. He was the last surviving charter member of Hickory Grove Church. The home farm was on Sec. 23.

SLOAN, William The family resided in the north half of Sec. 24. Mr. and Mrs. Sloan were both born and were married in Scotland where he was a policeman at Glasgow. A 3 year old child died on the ship while they were coming to America so consequently it was buried in the ocean. They came first to Ohio then to Wayne Co., Iowa. From there they came to Middle Fork twp. in 1880. Their children were: Will, m. Lizzie Jarvis; Maggie m. a Mr. Bay; Mollie Jagger; Victoria who m. Jake Miller; Annie who married Dr. Bement; Homer who m. Pearl Miller; and three children who died in infancy. Homer lives in Mt. Airy now and has Nina, Raymond, Nova, Kenneth, and Leland.

SPENCER, O. G. m. Julia B. ~~Spx~~ / Baird. They moved to township in 1901. They have seven children: Goldia Sheumaker, Gladys Adair, Lyle, Clifford, Letha Galloway, Ida Hickerson, and John.

STEDMAN, J. S., owned the S. $\frac{1}{2}$ of the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 3 and the E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of the N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 10. At the turn of the century, the family located in Delphos. Here he erected a large store building, the second floor being used by the I.O.O.F. His daughter, Fannie, had previously come here, and with Len Seaton they operated the Wesley Bowman store. Naturally enough they m. and lived happily ever after. Their two sons, Paul and Orr, also engaged in mercantile pursuits. Mr. Stedman's father sometimes visited his son and family, and was often seen at the Rush camp meeting, where with his rich voice and striking personality he added much to the good of the services.

STEPHENS, Abraham; appears to have been the first settler on the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 5, residing there until 1898. Will, Alta and Bessie remained in the county several decades. This farm became the Scott place. The north half was bought by Al Clevell, who in turn sold it to Fred Hardin. Dr. O. L. Fullerton of Redding owns the entire quarter now also the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$, formerly known as the Sams "80" once a part of the Scott farm.

STUART, Alexander, resided on the S.E.¹ of Sec. 15. His mother, "Grandma" Stuart, was b. 1812, the year of the second war with Great Britian, and lived to a great age. Alex. had several children, among them Clyde, long at Timbledon, N. D., and Homer, also in N. E., and m. and located at Hickory Grove. James, a brother of Alex., had a son, Burr, who homesteaded at Bucyrus, N. D. and was in the U. S. Prohibition field service many years.

TRUDY, Oliver, came with his parents and sister, Lizzie Jane (Hagans), from Rockbridge Co., Va. He resided on the N.W.¹ of 16, and N.E.¹ of 17 retiring to Redding. The farm was bought by Arthur Derickson, formerly of Clinton township, until he and his brother, George and Earl, and sister, Fannie (Norris) and Mollie (Hull), homesteaded near what is now Woodworth, N. D.

THOMPSON, William H. was long one of the township's substantial citizens and his father was among the first settlers in Poe township. His parents, however were at Maquoketa when he was born. His father was later drowned in West Fork near Benton. William began farming, the year he was married (1877) settling on the farm now owned by Harrison Olney. The following year he purchased from Mary Brown the farm in the southeast corner of the township where he resided the rest of his life until his retirement, adding from time to time to the original eighty, sometimes called the Staton farm, that he got from Mary Brown. In recent years. "Billy", as his neighbors called him, lost his sight and also suffered severe bone fractures from a fall. He now lives in Mount Ayr cared for by his oldest son, George, who came from his home in Nebraska for this purpose. Other children include; Clarence, m. Edna Withers, several terms a county auditor, now resides in Mount Ayr; Elmer, Osmer and Alden, all living in Iowa, and a daughter, Mina, m. Hallie Glendenning and now lives at Sunnyside, Washinton. Another daughter, Mabel, died in infancy. The Thompson name and place are landmarks in the developmnet of Middle Fork township.

TRULLINGER, Milton S. came to Iowa as a child before this was a state and settled in the Black Hawk Purchase. While residing on the W.¹ of the SW¹ of Sec. 3 on land entered in 1855 by Gabriel Trullinger he was several times postmaster of Ingart Grove, as the principa; township post office was called. He also served often as committeeman, just or clerk of election boards and Justice of the Peace. Squire Trullinger was a staunch Union man and his home was a famous station on the Underground Railroad for smuggling negroes north. He was a pioneer bee man and was one of the first to introduce Italian bees to Iowa. He also kept a flock of fine peafowls.

Squire Trullinger was twice married. To the first union were born Lib, Charlotte, Ella (died infant), Henry, Chat and Hode. His second wife was related to General Wade Hampton who earned fame in the fight against "carpet baggers". To the second marriage were born Wade, Loren, Ellen, John D., Arcadia, Etta, and Irving. The second phase of Squire Trullinger's residence in this township was on NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NEP of Sec. 8, later owned by Ed Forbes and sold to Henry Riling.

WAUGH, Harvey, born 1834, was one of the most substantial and well know of the pioneers who settled Middle Fork township. He came to Iowa from Crawfordsville, Indiana in 1854 and preempted two tracts of land. He purchased the claim of M. R. Brown and the following year settled there with his family. He married Nancy Bishop and they raised seven children. The Waugh farm starting with a pioneer log cabin 14x16 with a stick chimney, enclosed by rail fences and heavily wooded, was developed into an outstanding place with a large house and barn for their day. Harvey Waugh was an active citizen and took part in the public affairs of the day. He was an organizer of the Home Guards, or Southern Border Brigade, and was 1st lieutenant of the local company. He was also one of the prime movers in the building of the Middle Fork Church later.

Joseph H. Waugh m. Minnie McQuigg and they located east of the old home place on Sec. 21. Both were actively connected with the Middle Fork Church and helped promote its activities. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Joe, as he is called by his neighbors, held various township offices and was always identified with every good cause. Mrs. Waugh was at times almost an invalid and underwent many surgical operations with great fortitude. A daughter Bessie died in infancy. Clyde m. Belle Motsinger lives near his father's place and has three children. Sylvia is a teacher and lives at Manning. Mrs. Minnie Waugh died in February of this year, 1940, and Joe is still living on his home place.

Charles M. m. Tillie Glendenning and they ever since have lived on his farm adjoining the home on the east, and are communicants of Middle Fork chapel. Of their children, Clifton, with wife and Alice Dean reside nearby; Fern and husband, Floyd Jackson, and three daughters--Helen Hope, Marjorie and Anna Louise, live east of Hickory Grove; Fairie Odan is a home economics worker for Ohio State at Van Wert; Flora Belle is a teacher at Treynor; Glenna assists her mother with the large home and garden; Hazel m. Earl Jackson and they with Charles Curtis live nearby.

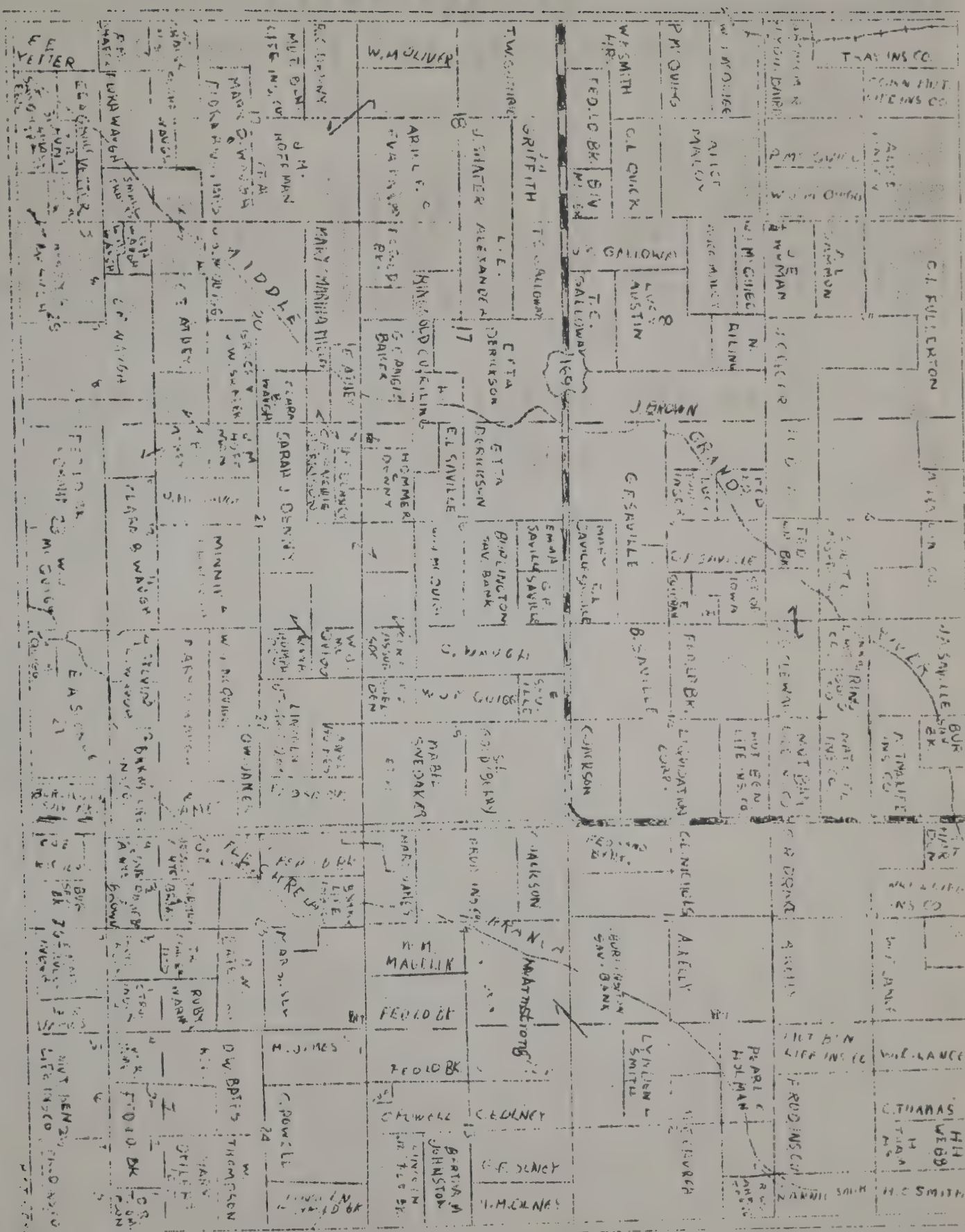
Willard married first Sadie Glendenning and for many years they lived on the farm adjoining Clipper school. He resides in Elockton. Mary and Flora, w o m. Williams, made their residence in St. Joseph. Martha Elizabeth married Watson Shaffer and lived west of the Harvey Waugh place. Alice married Jesse Conrad and lived near Martha Elizabeth.

EDITORS' NOTE:

As in all first editions of studies of this kind there will no doubt be errors and important omissions. We are suggesting that those noting such write the author setting forth corrections that might be included in any later edition that may be published.

We should like also to suggest that now would be the logical time for the preparing of histories of the rest of the townships of the county and to recommend this work to the sponsorship of the recently formed Ringgold County Historical Society.

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